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SUBJECT: GOG LAWS GOVERNING FIREARMS IMPORTATION

REF: STATE 177789

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA IS THE SOLE IMPORTER OF FIREARMS. NO COMMERCIAL LICENSES ARE ISSUED. NO COMMERCIAL FIREARMS ENTITIES EXIST. INDIVIDUALS MAY PURCHASE FIREARMS BY APPLYING TO THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR FOR TWO PERMITS, THE FIRST FOR THE WEAPON, THE SECOND FOR THE SHELLS. FIREARMS MAY THEN BE ISSUED DIRECTLY TO THE INDIVIDUAL BY THE GOVERNMENT. IN THE PAST IT WAS ALSO POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN FIREARMS THROUGH CHAVANEL, A PRIVATE FRENCH FIRM OPERATING UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL. CHAVANEL ITSELF OPERATED THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA WITH THE GOVERNMENT ISSUING IMPORT LICENSES TO CHAVANEL OR IMPORTING DIRECTLY ITSELF FOR CONSIGNMENT TO CHAVANEL. THOUGH A CHAVANEL REPRESENTATIVE IS RESIDENT IN CONAKRY IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT PRESENT TO PURCHASE FIREARMS EVEN WITH A PERMIT, SINCE THE STORE HAS BEEN NATIONALIZED.

2. YTNCE GOG IS SOLE FIREARMS IMPORTER, IN UNLIKELY EVENT THAT IMPORTS OF FIREARMS WERE TO BE MADE FROM US, MC COULD EASILY REQUEST VERIFCCATION FROM GOG.

3. RECORD OF FIREARMS OWNERSHIP MAINTAINED THROUGH REGISTRATION OF ALL WEAPONS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AS STATED  
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PARA 1 ABOVE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR OWNERSHIP.

4. IN PRACTICE WEAPONS ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE IN GUINEA. SEVERAL MILITARY BRANCES ASSIGN WEAPONS TO MEMBERS. MEMBERS MUST HAVE WEAPONS WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN UNIFORM AND KEEP WEAPON AT THEIR RESIDENCE WITH REGISTRATION MAINTAINED THROUGH LOCAL REVOLUTIONARY AUTHORITY. SINCE MILITIA USED FOR CIVILIAN FUNCTIONS (OKARDS, USHERS, TRAFFIC POLICE), NUMBER OF WEAPONS IN SIGHT AND CIRCULATION FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL.  
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